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	Thanh K Truong	3721	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6-11, 13 and 14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 6-11, 13 and 14 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim should refer to other claims in the alternative only, and/or, cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims have not been further treated on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 12 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite in that it fails to point out what is included or excluded by the claim language. This claim is an omnibus type claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by G. I. Ekström et al. (2,831,463).

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Ekström discloses (figures 1-4) an apparatus comprising:

attachment means (3) for attaching the assembly to a housing (1) of a power tool;

handle means (11) adapted to be held by a user of the power tool, wherein the handle means is mounted to the attachment means and is capable of limited movement relative to the housing of the power tool; and

vibration damping means (12, 13) acting between the housing and the handle means.

Ekström further discloses: vibration damping means comprises elastomeric material (column 2, line 6 and lines 11-13) (as in claim 2); the attachment means is mounted to the housing via at least one bolt (9) on the attachment means through a respective aperture, wherein at least some of the elastomeric material is arranged in use between at least one bolt and a corresponding aperture (as in claim 3); and the handle means is mounted to at least one aperture in the attachment means, and the elastomeric material is arranged between the handle means and at least one aperture (as in claim 4).

6. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Davison (WO 93/11912).

Davison discloses (figures 1-2) an apparatus comprising:

attachment means (10) for attaching the assembly to a housing of a power tool (abstract);

handle means (12, 14) adapted to be held by a user of the power tool, wherein the handle means is mounted to the attachment means and is capable of limited movement relative to the housing of the power tool; and

vibration damping means (13, 15, 20, 22) acting between the housing and the handle means.

Davison further discloses: vibration damping means comprises elastomeric material (abstract) (as in claim 2); the attachment means is mounted to the housing via at least one bolt (80, 82) on the attachment means through a respective aperture, wherein at least some of the elastomeric material is arranged in use between at least one bolt and a corresponding aperture (as in claim 3); the handle means is mounted to at least one aperture in the attachment means, and the elastomeric material is arranged between the handle means and at least one aperture (as in claim 4); and the handle means comprises a pair of handles (12, 14), each handle being mounted to the attachment means via a respective pair of apertures defining a pair of non-parallel axes (the apertures for bolts 80, 82 and the apertures for bolts 17, 19 defining the non-parallel axes) (as in claim 5).

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

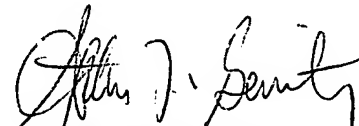
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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanh K Truong whose telephone number is (571) 272-4472. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs from 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi I Rada can be reached on (571) 272-4467. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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